

REMARKS

The Office Action dated February 20, 2003 has been read and carefully considered and the present amendment submitted in order to clarify the language of the specification and the claims.

In that Office Action, claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, 1st paragraph, on the basis that the application was considered by the Examiner to fail to provide an adequate written description of the claimed invention. Claims 1-6 were further rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter for which a patent is sought. Finally, it was indicated the claims 1-6 would be allowable over the prior art if amended to overcome the outstanding Section 112 issues raised in the Office Action.

As such, as to the initial rejection, a brief explanation has been include in the specification that is consistent with the last phrase of claim 1 and thus the basis is included in the specification. It is submitted that the insertion of that language into the specification does not introduce new matter into the specification since the same language was initially a part of claim 1 which is, of course, a part of the specification as filed.

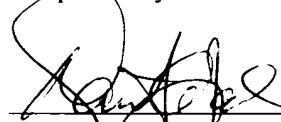
Also, similar language has been inserted into the specification as to the presence of a stirrer for mixing the clarified water.

As to the rejection based on Section 112, second paragraph, the claims have been amended to eliminate the parenthetical numbers and the claims have been rewritten to delete the "characterized in that" phrase and replaced with "wherein". The term "active carbon" has also been replaced with "activated carbon" and , in claim 6, a "fourth bottle" has been changed to "a fourth column" and the last verbiage in that claim deleted in accordance with the Examiner's recommendation.

Other minor informalities in the claims have also been corrected. In the Title and throughout the specification the word "equipment" has also been amended to "system" to be consistent with the claim language.

Accordingly, since the Examiner indicated that the claims would be allowable if the Section 112 issues were corrected, it is submitted that those issues have been clarified and that claim 1, along with dependent claims 2-6 are now in allowable form and an allowance of the present application is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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